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Mr. Elvis R. Dellinger  
Assistant Superintendent  
Ferndale School District  
PO Box 698 – 6041 Vista Drive  
Ferndale, WA 98248

Dear Mr. Dellinger,

I am writing you to express my interest in applying for the open English position at Ferndale High School advertised on the Ferndale school district employment opportunities section of the website. After completing sixteen weeks of student teaching at a Maine high school, I will be graduating with a B.S. in Secondary Education in English and English from the University of Maine Farmington (UMF) in May 2014. Upon graduating, I will have completed the requirements for Maine State Teacher Certification for Secondary Education English for grades seven through twelve, including passage of Praxis I and II exams. Working closely with administrative services, I will also be applying for Washington teacher residency certification in order to achieve my professional teaching certification for Washington State.

As my resume will indicate, I have a wealth of experience working with children and my content. In addition to completing practicum and student teaching field experiences, I have worked with students in a variety of other settings as well including instructional aide for first year students at UMF. I was recognized by my faculty in English for my outstanding achievement. I have also been assistant-editor for the Honor’s Program’s peer-reviewed journal, *Apropos.* Over the summer, I hope to complete certification to become a highly qualified teacher for English Language Learners (ELL) as well. With my Spanish language experience, ELL certification, and experience with ELL students, I hope I can be an immeasurable tool for all my students’ success. As a proven leader with my extensive involvement with the Student Education Association of Maine, I hope to bring a mixture of energy and excitement for community engagement, appreciation for diversity, and a love of the English language as a science and art to all of my students.

I look forward to discussing my qualifications and skills in an interview. Please find enclosed my resume, educational philosophy statement, the completed applications and paperwork, and copies of my Praxis scores as well as my transcript. If you have any questions about my application, please, do not hesitate to contact me at 360.318.4895 or my email johnny.w.buys@gmail.com. Thank you for considering me for joining the team at Ferndale High.

Best Wishes,

John Wm. Buys